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# Occupy moves to Hughes' house

- Founder of original demonstration camp opens doors to 15 homeless people
- To see a video of living situation at Occupy members' current residence, go to metronews.ca/calgary

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Frustrated by a perceived lack of aid, more than a dozen Occupy Calgary members have set up a new camp — inside a house.

Nearly every one of the 30 people who began staying on St. Patrick's Island in early October was homeless.

A deal brokered largely by Calgary Homeless Foundation head Tim Richter to find housing for every occupier willing to be patient led to that outpost being torn down early last month.

To date, five members have been housed, about 10 others have moved on altogether and the remaining 15 have taken refuge inside the residence of camp founder Paul Hughes.

"They promised us all within 30 days they would have us housed," said Kevin Archibald as he unloaded food and clothing donations at the Hughes abode yesterday. "Personally, I had suggested we didn't pack anything up until they kept their word.... We did it in good faith — look what they have done to us."

But Richter has maintained that solutions take time and Occupy members would not jump the queue for support services.

"We will get them all housed.... Realistically we are doing the best we can with what we got," he said yesterday.

Hughes, meanwhile, doesn't blame Richter for his current situation, but he said a number of groups under the anti-homelessness umbrella are dragging their heels.

"It's so disorganized," he said. "I can't have these guys stay here forever."

**Daily charge**

- Paul Hughes charges each of his Occupy members $10 a day to stay at his home. Most of the individuals have found work of some kind and perform other tasks like bottle collecting to raise revenue.

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▶ Paul Hughes is seen with just some of the people presently staying in his home on Memorial Drive. The group previously set up the first Occupy Calgary camp on St. Patrick's Island.

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## Biweekly garbage pickup during pilot

The garbage man won't be making weekly visits to four Calgary communities next year as the city pilots a new green-bin program.

Abbeydale, Brentwood, Cougar Ridge and Southwood have been selected to test out city collection of food and yard collection.

With organic waste accounting for an estimated 60 per cent of residential garbage, director of waste and recycling services Dave Griffiths said they believe many Calgarians will have far less waste in their black bins.

During the pilot project, collectors will pick up garbage in black bins every other week rather than weekly.

"Some residents will ask us, do we even now need to be collecting garbage on a weekly basis because we've got so much less of it," said Griffiths.

Collection will only take place for two bins at a time and the city will be testing different combinations: for example, blue and black carts on the same day one week.

"We think the issues around three carts for one collection ... probably isn't the way we want to start out."

Griffiths said participants in the pilot project will be given a schedule of when to put out what bins.

He added blue recycling bins and green bins will continue to be collected weekly. KATIE TURNER

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▶ In addition to reviewing "hot spots" in Calgary, the city says they will be adding additional signage in certain areas, including Business Revitalization Zones.

# Snow-event parking bans to be tweaked

- The city has identified seven 'hot spots' in the city
- 26th Avenue S.W. in Mission will also be removed from the ban

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Snow-event parking bans on roads in at least one community will be lifted as soon as this weekend as the city identifies trouble areas around Calgary.

Following the city's first snow-event parking ban, which was declared on Dec. 4, the city's roads department and the Calgary Parking Authority have identified "hot spots" that are currently being reviewed.

"We're committed to reviewing those locations and coming up with a solution," said roads spokesperson Julie Yepishina-Geller. "Whether that solution is removing the signs or decreasing the number of roads that are considered snow routes in those communities, that's yet to be determined."

Areas under review include Charleswood, Hillhurst, Kensington and one particularly contentious community: Bankview.

### 1,500 calls made

- On Dec. 11, when snow was falling in Calgary, 311 received about 1,500 calls.
- Only 38 of those calls waited to speak to an operator while the remainder listened to the automatic message regarding snow-event parking bans.
- For additional information and to sign up for email notifications related to the parking bans, visit calgary.ca/snow.

Ald. John Mar said it's been determined snow-event parking signs on roads in Bankview that are non-essential to transit and emergency services will be removed no later than this weekend.

"The roads are quite narrow, and it's quite hilly as well, and the administration had really almost blanketed the entire community, which had huge impact on citizens' ability to park," he said. "What we're seeing is the effects from our learning."

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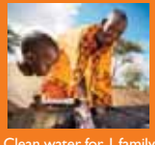
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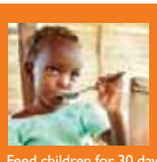
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# Full-day kindergarten could force transfers

## Implementing premier's campaign vow could affect up to one-third of public elementary schools

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Call it the great student shuffle.

If the province does push ahead with a campaign promise by Premier Alison Redford to implement full-day kindergarten for Alberta's littlest learners, it could create capacity problems at as many as 50 Calgary elementary schools, forcing hundreds, if not thousands, of students to transfer to other schools, observers caution.

Schools where one kindergarten class is run in the morning and another in the afternoon would be forced to double-up resources and classroom space, said Frank Coppinger, superintendent for facilities for the Calgary Board of Education.

"We will be stretched to accommodate students within our existing schools," Coppinger said.

"We would have to relook at our entire system."

Alberta is one of the few remaining Canadian provinces that does not fund full-day kindergarten across the province. But programs do run at certain Calgary schools.

Thomas Lukaszuk, Alberta's education minister, has publicly stated that the full-day program is a priority of the government, but he has yet to commit to a firm introduction date.

Leslie Newton of the Calgary Association of Parents and Schools Councils said there has been some concern among members about the impact of the full-day kindergarten initiative.

She said her organization is surveying parents on the matter.

"I think there has been some discussion around outside-the-box accommodation as well," she said. "I don't think it would be easy."

The Calgary Catholic School District, meanwhile, is waiting on word from the province before running official projections on the number of schools that would be affected by full-day kindergarten, spokesperson Janet Corsten said.

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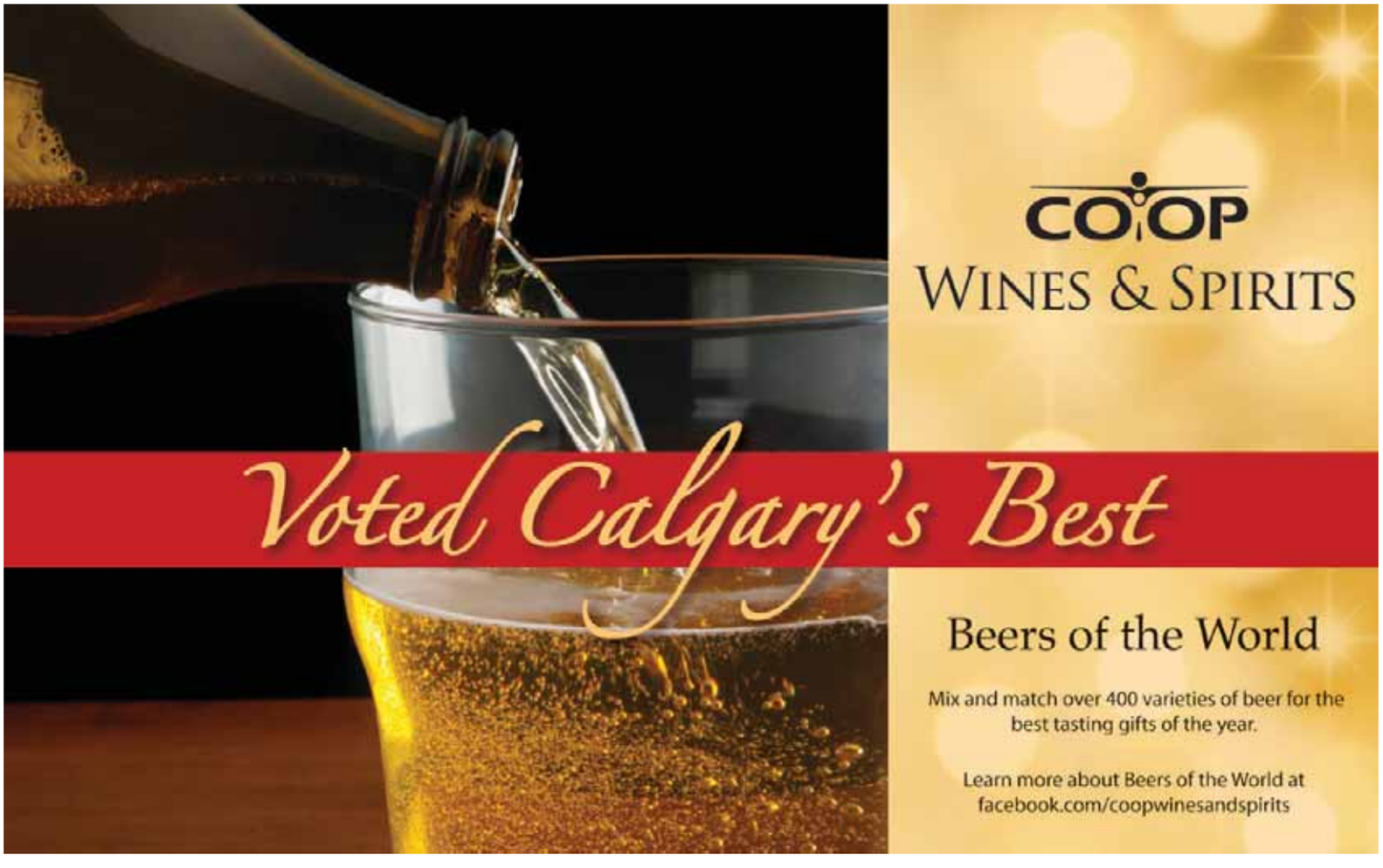
▶ Some of Calgary's younger students could be moved around between schools to make room for kindergartners attending full-day classes.

### School days

- **Some estimates project** that full-day kindergarten provincewide would cost $200 million a year.
- **The Calgary Board of** Education provides full-day kindergarten at 16 schools, and the Calgary Catholic School District offers the same program at 22 of its institutions.
- **Education Minister** Thomas Lukaszuk has said he plans to pitch the provincial Treasury Board on the merits of full-day kindergarten before provincial budgeting decisions in the new year.
- **Introducing full-day** programs would bode well for three schools being considered for closure in the spring, Calgary board's Frank Coppinger said.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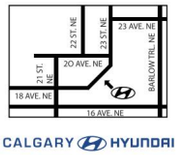


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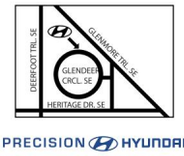


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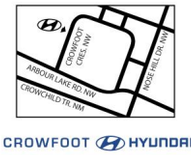


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### Gun donated to thrift store

**THRIFT STORE.** Volunteers in Didsbury were shocked to find a sawed-off rifle in a bag of donated clothes Monday.

Residents at the Knox United Church Thrift Store were organizing donations when they found the unloaded .22-calibre rifle.

Because it was sawed-off, RCMP determined the weapon to be "prohibited" and have sent it away to Regina for ballistics analysis.

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### Inmate dies

**DRUMHELLER.** Police and corrections officials are investigating after a man was found unresponsive in his cell Monday evening and later died.

According to officials, correctional officers immediately performed CPR on Dang Akays Dang, 27, when they found him. Dang, who was transported to Drumheller General Hospital, where he later died. Dang was serving a two-year sentence at the institution for possession for the purpose of trafficking, according to officials.

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### Local caught in national sting op

**PROJECT MARVEL.** A 22-year-old Calgary man was arrested and charged yesterday during a nationally organized crime investigation called Project Marvel.

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# Olympian reunites couple with camera

- Couple is in process of moving back to Vancouver from Calgary
- Kyle Shewfelt sent tweet on Dec. 6 and contacted the owners on Dec. 8

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It took an Olympian and the mayor of Calgary, but through the use of Twitter a couple has been reconnected with a camera they thought was long gone.

Kyle Shewfelt, an Olympic goal medallist in gymnastics, said that when his girlfriend found a camera in Garrison Square earlier this month, they knew they had to find the rightful owners.

"I believe in honesty and finding the rightful owners of things, especially when it has pictures of kids on it," said Shewfelt.

He sent out a photo of the couple from the camera on Twitter, asking if anyone knew them. Mayor Naheed Nenshi even retweeted the message to his nearly 40,000 followers.

Brian Atwell said he and his wife "searched like mad" for the camera but assumed it was gone until they received a call from a friend saying her husband had seen the Nenshi tweet.

"I never really understood the whole Twitter thing, to be honest, before this," said Atwell. "It's definitely a powerful tool for getting out a mass message."

He said he and his wife were grateful Shewfelt took the time to get the camera back to them.

"It was actually quite a beautiful process for me to go through," said Shewfelt, "because it really does show how powerful social media is when you can connect with someone."

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▶ Brian Atwell, right, and his wife Leslie thought their camera was lost forever until Calgary Olympian Kyle Shewfelt tweeted their photo asking if anyone knew the couple.

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# Gunman kills Belgian shoppers

## Hundreds flee as grenades lobbed into market, bullets fired
## Attacker found dead at scene

Summoned for questioning by Belgian police, a man with a history of weapons and drug offences left home armed with hand grenades, a revolver and an assault rifle. Stopping at a central square filled with holiday shoppers, he lobbed three grenades into the crowd, then opened fire.

Four people were killed, including an 18-month-old toddler, and 122 were wounded in the assault yesterday.

Authorities said the shooter also died.

The midday attack in the eastern Belgian city of Liege sent hundreds of panicked shoppers stampeding down the cobbled streets of the old city. Belgian authorities identified the shooter as Nordine Amrani, a 33-year-old Liege resident. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Italy attack

**In Italy yesterday,** a man opened fire in an outdoor market in Florence, killing two vendors from Senegal and wounding three other immigrants before killing himself. Investigators identified the attacker as 50-year-old Gianluca Casseri, and RAI state TV said he was known to police for having participated in racist marches by an extreme right-wing group.

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▶ Police officers guard the street, following a grenade attack in the city centre of Liege, Belgium, yesterday.

# Brother made up story: Crown

A Montreal family accused of killing three children concocted a story that could help absolve them of guilt and told a surviving child to go along with it — but he slipped up, prosecutors alleged in court yesterday.

Mohammad Shafia, 58, his wife Tooba Yahya, 42, and their son Hamed, 20, have told police that the night of the deaths, their eldest daughter came into their motel room to borrow the car keys.

The Crown alleges the women were killed before the family checked into the motel.

Another brother was under cross-examination yesterday, and Crown attorney Gerard Laarhuis hammered him about his statement to police that Zainab came to the motel room that night to borrow his cellphone. Laarhuis suggested that never happened, and that inconsistent statements to police that it might have been his mother who wanted to borrow his phone, point to a mistake on his part. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

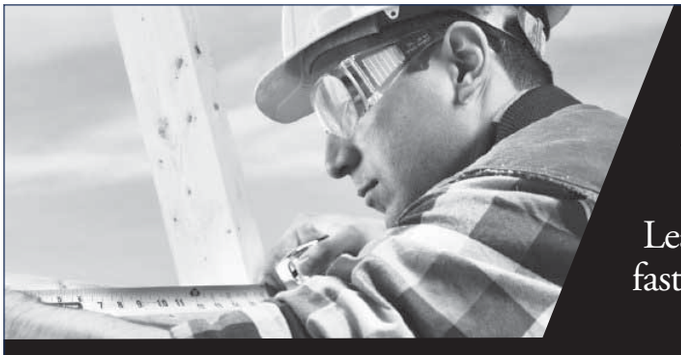
## Inmate takes prison worker hostage

A corrections employee taken hostage by an inmate was freed after a nine-hour ordeal yesterday at a federal prison in Quebec's Eastern Townships.

The inmate barricaded himself in a room in the Cowansville penitentiary, locking himself there with the worker who was in the area with him.

Correctional Service of Canada said nobody was injured in the incident at the medium-security prison, which holds 410 male inmates.

Authorities wouldn't confirm the victim was female. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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# U.S. panel to drivers: Hang up

## Seeks nationwide ban on cells

U.S. states should ban all driver use of cellphones and other portable electronic devices, except in emergencies, the National Transportation Safety Board said yesterday.

The recommendation applies to both hands-free and hand-held phones and significantly exceeds any existing state laws.

The board spoke out over a Missouri pileup, which it said was caused by a 19-year-old pickup driver who sent or received 11 texts in the 11 minutes before the crash — which also involved a tractor truck and two school buses.

**"No call, no text, no update is worth a human life."**
**NTSB CHAIR DEBORAH HERSMAN**

The pickup driver and a 15-year-old student on one of the school buses were killed. Thirty-eight other people were injured in the Aug. 5, 2010, accident.

The NTSB doesn't have power to impose restrictions, but it's recommendations carry weight with federal regulators.

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**Gingerbread.** You can be the 'icing'

▶ Look who's in our house: From left, Cathy Santos (BD), Maria Luciano, Nicole Druken, Annie Skelding, Caitlin Holdbrook (BD), Eva Baginska (BD) and Jillian Lewis (UNICEF Canada).

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# Fine rogue lobbyists: Shepherd

The national lobbying watchdog wants to be able to fine lobbyists who breach the rules.

Karen Shepherd is also looking for more protection, as well as more teeth.

She has asked a House of Commons committee to consider amending the Lobbying Act to allow her to levy fines in cases that might not warrant a formal reference to the RCMP.

**"Despite the available penalties under the current act, no one has ever been charged or convicted."**
**KAREN SHEPHERD**

As things stand, she says, she can only report to Parliament or call in the police when she finds problems.

"I am recommending an administrative monetary penalty mechanism be adopted," she told the MPs on the access-to-information, privacy and ethics committee.

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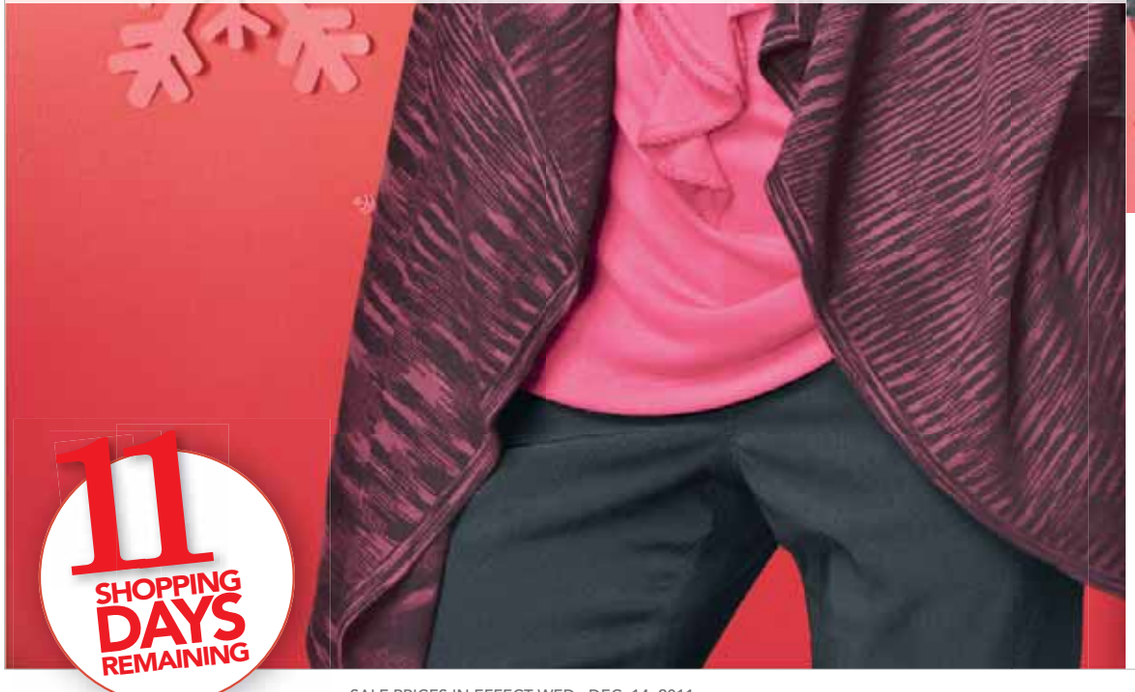

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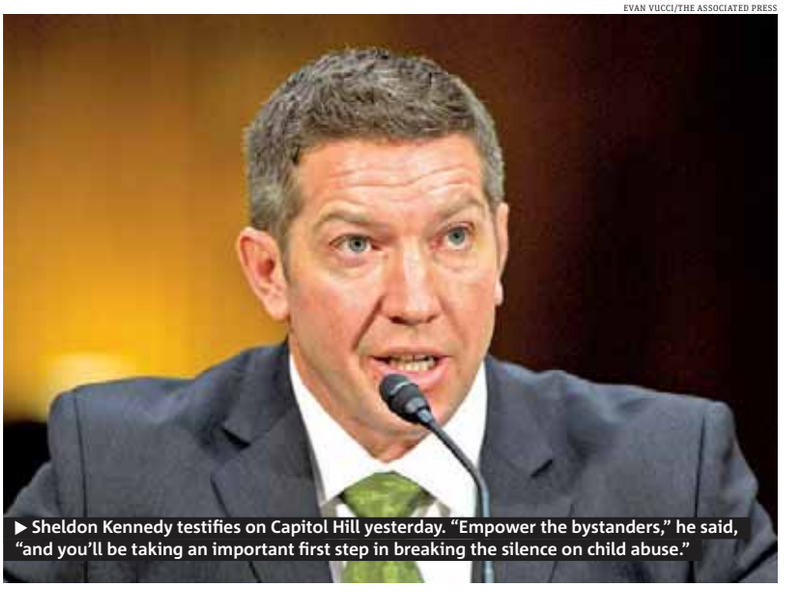

▶ Sheldon Kennedy testifies on Capitol Hill yesterday. "Empower the bystanders," he said, "and you'll be taking an important first step in breaking the silence on child abuse."

# Kennedy's crusade

**Ex-NHLer urges U.S. lawmakers to end the code of silence on abuse People who suspect something is wrong must act on their 'gut feelings,' he declares**

Sheldon Kennedy stepped into the U.S. spotlight yesterday, urging lawmakers to "empower" anyone who suspects children are being sexually abused.

Under the glare of TV cameras, the former NHL player matter-of-factly told of the ordeal he suffered at the hands of his once-trusted hockey coach, Graham James.

"My abuser was International Hockey Man of the Year," Kennedy, 42, told the Senate hearing examining child abuse laws.

"In Canada, that gave him almost God-like status. Sound familiar?

**"Senators, you need to give all adults working with youth and all parents the tools to recognize and respond to abuse when it first arises."**
**SHELDON KENNEDY**

"The kids — and often their parents too — looked up to him as a hero.

"This was someone who could make their dreams come true and he used that trust to hurt them."

Pedophiles count on the fact that most people have trouble believing trusted adults in their fields — coaches, teachers, priests — would ever abuse children, Kennedy added.

James was convicted of some 350 sexual-abuse charges and served three and a half years in prison. He was quietly pardoned in 2007 — touching off a national firestorm.

Last week, James pleaded guilty to fresh allegations of sexual assault. He will be sentenced in February.
**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Sandusky says he'll fight to the end in sex-abuse case

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky is vowing, in his lawyer's words, to "fight to the death" in his child molestation case.

But Sandusky opted against a preliminary hearing yesterday, sparing his accusers from making their claims in a packed courtroom.

Sandusky's lawyer, Joseph Amendola, said: "There will be no plea negotiations."

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▶ Sandusky

The credibility of the witnesses would be a key issue. He said he believed some of the young men may have trumped up their claims and others may come forward in a bid for monetary gain.

Sandusky, 67, is charged with more than 50 counts that accuse him of sexually abusing 10 boys over the span of 12 years.

He has denied the allegations, which led to the departures of long-time Penn State football coach Joe Paterno and the university president.
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# Canadian debt up while income down

## Household debt has risen about twice the rate of income: StatsCan

Canadians keep taking on more debt even as they get poorer, a new Statistics Canada report shows

Average household debt hit a new record high of almost 153 per cent to disposable income in the third quarter, a sizable jump from 150.7 per cent the previous quarter, the agency reported yesterday.

As well, household net worth declined by 2.1 per cent to $180,100 from $184,700, the sharpest drop in almost three years as the value of pensions and stock investments declined.

The report came a day after Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney again warned about the dangers of household debt poses to the economy going forward. Canadians are more indebted now than the Americans and British, Carney noted, saying that they need to move to bring debt accumulation in line with income growth.

But analysts cautioned against taking too dark a view over household finances. "It's not black and white," said Benjamin Tal, a senior economist with CIBC World Markets.

Most debt accumulation is from mortgages, and unlike the U.S. before the subprime fiasco, the segment of home buyers considered "marginal" in Canada is very small. "I have no problem with people borrowing if they have the ability to pay and have a good job ... and can finance this debt when (interest) rates rise."

Most other forms of credit, such as balances on credit cards, lines of credit and term loans are slowing down or even falling, Tal added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Time.** Out

▶ A shopper takes a rest with purchases at Northpark Mall in Ridgeland, Miss., on Nov. 25.

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## U.S. retail sales keep rising

**Americans spent more on autos, furniture and clothing last month as retail sales rose for the sixth straight month.**

## NDP accuses insurers of punishing the poor

Ontario's NDP accused auto insurance companies of charging lower-income drivers higher premiums because of their neighbourhoods, but the industry dismissed the claim yesterday.

Researchers, using the same driver profile, were quoted car insurance rates ranging from $2,517 in Toronto's low-income Jane-Finch area to less than half that, $1,153, if the driver lived in the city's upscale Lawrence Park area.

"There's no fairness. You shouldn't be judged by who your neighbours are. You should be judged by your driving record," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada said premiums are approved by a government agency, and are based on the history of claims in the area in addition to a drivers' record and other factors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# McDonald's racks up lobbying bill

McDonald's Corp. spent $460,000 lobbying the U.S. federal government in the third quarter, on issues including immigration, menu labelling and debit card fees.

That amount represented a 48 per cent increase from the same period a year ago, when it spent $310,000 on federal lobbying costs, according to disclosure reports filed with the House of Representatives. It was also up from the second quarter, when it spent $370,000.

The world's biggest burger chain lobbied Congress, the White House, the Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services on the sweeping health-care changes that were signed into law in March 2010.

The new health-care rules will require more companies to offer health-care insurance to employees. McDonald's also homed in on a part in the law that would require more restaurants to add calorie information to their menus.

McDonald's also said it lobbied on proposed new federal guidelines that would curb marketing junk food to children. It also lobbied on a new law that gives the Food and Drug Administration more authority over food suppliers.

It also lobbied on fees that restaurants and retailers pay banks and other processors when a customer uses a debit card. The government capped those fees but banks protested saying they deserve to be paid for the debit-card services. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A McDonald's employee prepares an order during a hiring event in April at a McDonald's in San Francisco.

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Here's a Christmas question.

If 40 per cent of Canadians plan to do some or all of their holiday shopping online, up 11 per cent over last year, why am I stalled in this two-block lineup waiting to turn into the mall?

You'd expect the malls to be decked with 40 per cent fewer shoppers. Not only that, there's a recession on, people. Aren't you supposed to be at home shivering in the dark instead of standing in front of me at the checkout, your arms full of holiday goodies, while your annoying children cling to you, wheedling for more?

Something doesn't add up here.

Think about it. Walmart is open 24-7. You could shop at 3 a.m. and avoid me and the rush altogether. Of course, for all I know, there could be lineups at 3 a.m. too. I'm not curious enough to find out.

**"It's simply not necessary to go out at peak hours, which are defined as those times when I like to do my own Christmas shopping: between 2 and 4 p.m. on weekends, prior to or immediately after my afternoon nap."**

Then there's Amazon, eBay, Indigo, Best Buy, etc., where you can buy all your presents on your phone and angels in brown uniforms will deliver them overnight.

And you can pick up gift cards for anything from iTunes to African safaris at the gas station or the drug store.

It's simply not necessary to go out at peak hours, which are defined as those times when I like to do my own Christmas shopping: between 2 and 4 p.m. on weekends, prior to or immediately after my afternoon nap.

Somehow the message isn't getting through. This year, I may have to do my Christmas shopping on Dec. 28, which is far enough away from Boxing Day, which is just another excuse for people to get in my way.

I'm sure friends and loved ones won't mind. There's usually a big letdown after all the presents are unwrapped, and there's not much to look forward to other than four to six more months of winter. Getting thoughtful gifts on December 28 will be a surprise treat.

Look, it's not all bad. When I got to the mall near my place this past weekend, it was a zoo, as expected, but some marketing genius decided to offer valet parking: eight bucks. Drive up, hand the family SUV over to a professional, and walk directly into the mall. Best eight bucks I ever spent.

And my wife had just enough Christmas spirit left to bake the traditional family dark Christmas cakes. I helped by waiting until she had them all wrapped and stored, and only then snuck into the kitchen and plundered at will.

There are some things you just can't do online.

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- **@opinionatednick:** I like where #yyc is going with the green bin program. @nenshi this is good investment
- **@aldjohmar:** Just tweaked the #snowban adjustments in Bankview & Mission. Signs should be down this weekend. #yyc #yyccc please RT
- **@Crackmacs:** To combat the people sharing #checkstop locations in #yyc, should we start tweeting bogus info too? Discredit the real info? #Calgary #yyccc
- **@Jenndalen:** Best broski ever! Getting me coffee when I'm all grumbly #yyc #siblinglove #timhortons
- **@shaylay08:** Wooo! Done final baby, feeling sooo good! Good luck to ma fellow students #uofc #yyc
- **@w3endsHere:** Does anybody know where to get grapefruit spoons in Calgary? #yyc

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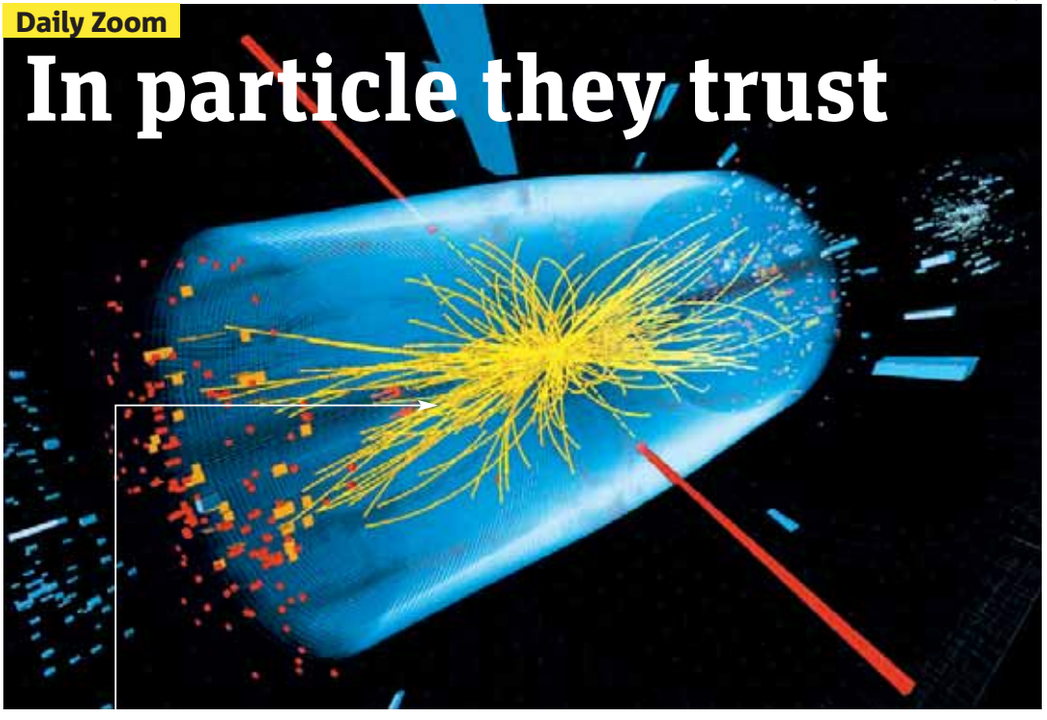

## Hints of God particle found

**GENEVA.** Science collides with faith in the God particle. After two experiments using the Large Hadron Collider, the world's biggest atom smasher, scientists at CERN physics center say they have glimpses of the Higgs boson subatomic particle, the last missing link in understanding the universe.

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**"It would be extremely kind of the Higgs boson to be here. It's too early (to say for sure)."**

FABIOLA GIANOTTI, SCIENTIST AT LHC

## How they find new particles

**SCIENCE.** Scientists at CERN have been firing particles in opposite directions around a 27-kilometre-long underground tunnel, known as the Large Hadron Collider. When particles reach near the speed of light, they crash into each other. The resulting debris is then examined for new particles.

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## Higgs boson

- **Last undiscovered particle.** It's a mysterious particle thought to give all particles mass.
- **To give all things shape.** This helps particles form atoms, which shapes everything in universe.
- **Famous nicknames.** The brick that built the universe, Angel of creation.

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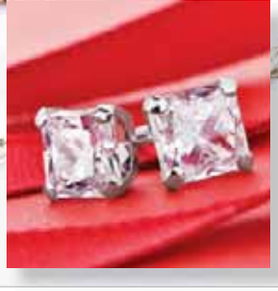

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**Box office**

Charlie Sheen is returning to CTV with his new sitcom Anger Management. Sheen willl play an anger management therapist whose methods wreak havoc on the lives of his patients.
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Bosnian Serb war victim says Angelina Jolie's film should be banned, says it vilifies Serbs

# Charlize Theron: Closet nerd

**While talking about her latest film, Young Adult, Theron reveals excruciating details of her awkward youth and says that she doesn't need another Oscar**

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▶ Charlize Theron plays Mavis Gary in Young Adult.

It would probably be nice for Charlize Theron to get an Oscar for her performance in Jason Reitman's latest film, Young Adult.

Most critics seem to think she deserves one. But Theron herself notes: "I can't even think about anything like that … And plus I have an Oscar," she says, referencing her win for 2003's Monster. She catches herself with a laugh. "That was such an asshole thing to say."

Maybe the 36-year-old is just channeling her inner jerk because that's the nature of her character in the film, Mavis Gary, a divorced, young adult author and all-around mess. Gary returns to her hometown to track down her high school boyfriend, now married with a new baby, in the hopes of rekindling their romance.

While promoting the film, which was penned by Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody, Theron revealed some of her own Mavis-like behaviours.

**So much of the press for this film discusses what an unsympathetic character Mavis is. How do you see her?**

I thought that the things she did were pretty despicable but then again, not to the point where I was disgusted by her. I never had a hard time not liking her.

I would love to go and have a beer with her. I would never let her hang out with my boyfriend. …

What I liked when I read Diablo's script was the idea of a woman who is dealing with very common mid to late 30s issues that women can really relate to but because of how she went through life, is dealing with them the way a 16-year-old would deal with them.

She says things like, "don't you know love conquers all?" I mean, it's like the typical 16-year-old would say that and here she is 37, trying to get her life together and she just doesn't have the tools to do it.

**Glasses girl**

**Theron talks about her high school experience:** "I wasn't in the popular crowd. I went to an arts school. I was obsessed with ballet. I wore really, really nerdy glasses. I was as blind as could be and boys don't really like big nerdy glasses. I had a massive crush on this guy that this interviewer who just did a story on me for Vogue actually found. This guy did not know I existed in school and he was all "yeah, tell her the crush was mutual." F— that. It was so not mutual. And then it was like, "I remember she wore those glasses."

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# Bullock suffers from first world problems

**To spoil kids or not? Actress struggles with hard questions at Christmas**

Sandra Bullock is torn over what sort of Christmas to give her 2-year-old son, Louis.

"The less you give, the less they'll expect. And that way, if I give him nothing, he won't remember and he won't expect it next year and it's cheaper," Bullock tells Access Hollywood of the more frugal option. On the other hand, "I want the photo ops to be really great because he's not going to remember it, but he'll remember it by the photos and when he's 16 and says, 'I hate you — you're a horrible mother,'" she jokes. "I'll go, 'Do you see this Christmas? Do you see that I got you that life-size lion? Shut up! Get in your room and do your homework. I was a good mother then.'" METRO

**"I want the photo ops to be really great because he's not going to remember it but he'll remember it by the photos "**
**SANDRA BULLOCK**

Sandra Bullock

## Talking points

**wounds of the heart, ex says**

**SUCK IT UP NANCY.** To hear ex-boyfriend Louis Dowler tell it, Kate Winslet is a real heartbreaker.

"I don't think Kate behaved well and it is still very raw for me," Dowler tells the Daily Mail.

The pair dated after Winslet's divorce from director Sam Mendes, though she's since moved on to dating Ned Rocknroll, Richard Branson's nephew.

"I was in love with her and you can't switch that off overnight. I'm not sure Kate treated me well," admits Dowler.

"She met my parents and family. I thought we were inseparable. I certainly haven't found anyone else since." METRO

## Ryan Reynolds getting Lively

**BLAKE LIGHTING HIS LANTERN** Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds were reportedly "very cuddly" during a midmorning double date in NYC recently with Lively's older sister and brother-in-law, according to Us Weekly.

The Green Lantern co-stars and happy couple were "poking each other, giggling, and even seen leaning on each other in the booth," a source says.

The brunch wasn't without incident, though, as Lively "hit her head on a lamp as (she sat down in the booth) and put a napkin jokingly on her head." METRO

## Celebrity tweets

"I think people gossip because their own lives are un-gossip worthy...Live a gossip worthy life...;)"
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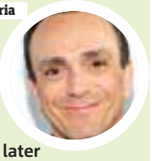
"In my hometown there was a fondue place that later became a crepe place. Then it became a french toast palace. The first 2 facts are true."
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# Channeling New York Chutzpah

**New York City has the highest concentration of Jews outside of Israel Nosh on kosher food, watch the lighting of a massive menorah and visit some historic sites Mazel Tov!**

## Travel in brief

A "snow village" to be set up in Montreal's Jean Drapeau Park — complete with hotel, restaurant, bar, conference centre and chapel, all made out of ice and snow — will be a North American first, organizers say. The $2.1-million project — mostly funded by a group of Quebec entrepreneurs and Tourism Quebec — is scheduled to open Jan. 6.

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Chabad sponsors public menorah lightings in more than 70 countries for Hanukkah

### Ellis Island

An obvious place to start is Ellis Island, where the ancestors of so many American Jews first set foot on U.S. soil. Boats run from Battery Park — schedules at statuecruises.com — to the National Park site in New York Harbor. The Ellis Island museum offers a wealth of artifacts connected to Jewish immigrants, including a photo of a kosher kitchen that opened on the island in 1911 and an eye chart with a line of Hebrew letters.

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▶ Ellis Island

### Kutsher's

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▶ Kutsher's

Kutsher's Tribeca, which opened in November at 186 Franklin St., is the brainchild of Zach Kutsher, whose grandparents ran Kutsher's Country Club, a popular Catskills resort in its mid-20th century heyday. The menu reinvents and updates favourite Jewish comfort foods, offering savoury brisket meatballs, chopped liver made from duck, and yummy matzo ball soup with dill. You can even order caviar with your latkes — though the roe is not from sturgeon, which isn't kosher. On Dec. 25, Kutsher's will offer a special Chinese-themed menu in honour of the American Jewish tradition of going out for Chinese food on Christmas Day.

### Light the menorah

During Hanukkah, the Chabad-Lubavitch Jewish outreach organization sponsors the lighting of a massive menorah, about 10 metres tall, on Fifth Avenue and 59th Street near Central Park, between Dec. 20-27. Candles are lit at 5:30 p.m., except for the Sabbath, with a 3:30 p.m. lighting on Dec. 23 and an 8:30 p.m. lighting on Dec. 24.

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▶ Menorah on Fifth Avenue and 59th Street

### Museum of Jewish Heritage

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▶ Hanukkah lamp from the 1920s at the museum.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage is in Battery Park City. Through summer 2012, the museum is hosting a fascinating exhibit about Emma Lazarus. Lazarus' sonnet The New Colossus with its famous line "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses," is engraved on a tablet in the Statue of Liberty's pedestal, and Lady Liberty can be seen from the museum windows. Lazarus was born in New York to an old Sephardic Jewish family; a letter about religious freedom from her great-great uncle to George Washington is part of the show. The Museum of Jewish Heritage was created as a memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust.

### The Lower East Side Tenement Museum

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▶ One of the apartments at the museum.

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum at 97 Orchard St., tenement.org, is housed in a building that dates to 1863, but it was a time capsule when the museum acquired it in 1996: Its apartments had been sealed off since 1935. Tours now tell the stories of the people who lived there. The building housed immigrants from various backgrounds, but some tours focus on Jewish families.

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### Go to Synagogue

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Other worthwhile stops include the Bialystoker Synagogue, organized in 1865 and housed in an 1826 fieldstone Federal style building at 7-11 Willett St.; and the Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy, which offers walking tours on New York Jewish history and operates a storefront visitor centre at 400 Grand St.

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▶ The Ten Commandments displayed over the altar at the Eldridge Street Synagogue.

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**Honesty and a genuine attempt at listening to co-workers can lead to greater things than just a happy office**

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▶ Take a look at your team. If you notice that someone in the back isn't being heard, encourage them to speak their mind.

It's a common workplace complaint in almost any industry: "There's no communication around here."

But as much as it might be lamented in the cubicles, managers are frequently baffled by the gripe, says Dianna Booher, a productivity and communications consultant and author of more than 40 books, including the newly revised Communicate with Confidence!

"It's a recurring issue. When I talk to CEOs, they're always puzzled. They say, 'How can people say that? We give out information all the time," says Booher.

"I can sum it up for them in four words: Information is not communication."

That said, don't be that guy whining about the lack of communication. Nobody likes that guy. Instead, be proactive and raise the bar with these tips.

"People talk about voter apathy all the time, but a lot of times you see it in the workplace," says Booher. "But you can change things."

### Tell the truth — the whole truth

It's not enough to tell your co-workers that you'll hit the deadline. You also need to mention that in order to do so, you had to alter the project and rely on your strung-out intern to do sensitive research. "It's got to be the truth, but it also has to be the entire, current truth," says Booher. "If you withhold bad news, people go to other sources."

### Make sure you have discussions

Evaluate your conversations with your co-workers: Is there a back-and-forth and some healthy debate on occasion?

It's a good sign if people think your opinion is worth changing.

"If you feel like everybody agrees with you, something's wrong," says Booher. "There's a one-way communication system there, and that's not what you want."

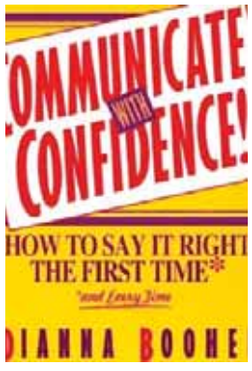
### Care, or at least get good at pretending you do

"It's a cliché that people don't care what you say, they have to know that you care about them when you say it — but it's true," says Booher. "If your staff thinks you only care about the numbers, then they'll tune you out."

### Why it's worth it

Good communication is more than just a nice idea to throw around at company retreats.

"Companies are far more profitable when there's good communication," says Booher. "Employees are more productive and there's less turnover. Most of the time, people don't leave companies because they don't like the work — they leave because they don't like the culture."

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- 1 tbsp (15 mL) roasted garlic and peppers spice mix
- 1 tsp (5 mL) herbes de provence
- 1 bottom sirloin tri-tip oven roast about 2 lb/1 kg

### Preparation:

1. In small bowl, stir together oil, pesto, vinegar, soy sauce, spice mix and herbes de provence until combined. Spread all over roast and place on rack in roasting pan.
2. Oven sear the roast by placing it in a preheated 450 F (230 C) oven for 10 minutes.
3. Reduce heat to 275 F (140 C) and cook for about 1 hour and 45 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 145 F (63 C) for medium rare or to desired doneness.
4. Remove from oven, cover loosely with foil and let rest for about 15 minutes. Slice thinly to serve. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR & TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

### Holiday prep

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JOE HOWELL

### Drink of the week

#### Isle of Mull

Scotch is the perfect winter drink, whether it's après-ski or after-dinner. Sadly, the liquor was mostly forgotten by the cocktail revolution.

For something more contemporary than a Rusty Nail, try this drink.

- 1.25 oz blended Scotch whisky
- .5 oz Bénédictine
- .25 oz Stone's Green Ginger Wine
- dash of Fee's Plum Bitters
- dash of cherry juice

Build the drink in a rocks glass (lots of ice), and garnish with sour cherries soaked in whisky.

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**"I am deeply honoured to win this very special and very historic award. ... To be recognized with this award for something I love to do, which is figure skate, means so much."**

CANADIAN FIGURE SKATER PATRICK CHAN, AFTER WINNING THE 2011 LOU MARSH AWARD YESTERDAY. THE 20-YEAR-OLD FROM TORONTO WON THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST SPRING IN MOSCOW, SETTING THREE WORLD SCORING RECORDS, AND WON THE GRAND PRIX FINAL LAST WEEKEND IN QUEBEC CITY TO CAP AN UNDEFEATED SEASON. THE HONOUR — DECIDED BY A PANEL OF NATIONAL SPORTS EDITORS, REPORTERS AND BROADCASTERS — IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO CANADA'S OUTSTANDING ATHLETE BY THE TORONTO STAR.

# Preds take bite out of Flames

## Kiprusoff makes 43 saves, but Calgary offence fails to get second puck past Nashville's Rinne

Colin Wilson scored a power-play goal at 3:31 of the third period to give the Nashville Predators a 2-1 victory over the Calgary Flames last night.

With Calgary's Brendan Morrison in the penalty box serving an interference minor, Nashville rookie Craig Smith's shot from the low slot was kicked away by Miikka Kiprusoff's left pad before Wilson skated in and converted the rebound on the short side for his eighth goal of the season.

Nashville has won three straight while the Flames' three-game winning streak came to a halt.

Matt Halischuk also scored for Nashville (15-11-4). Pekka Rinne made 35 saves.

Curtis Glencross scored and Kiprusoff stopped 43 shots for Calgary (14-14-2).

Nashville has scored at least one power-play goal in each of its past six games.

Halischuk scored the game's first goal at 11:43 of the opening period.

Brian McGrattan had the puck on the right boards and sent the puck toward the Calgary goal.

Halischuk, who was just to the right of Kiprusoff, corralled the puck and beat him on the short side for his sixth goal of the season.

Nashville carried most of the play in the first, outshooting the Flames 18-6.

| PREDATORS | FLAMES |
|---|---|
| 2 | 1 |

**6**

**The Predators' victory ended a stretch of six straight home losses to Calgary. Prior to last night, Nashville's previous home win over the Flames was Jan. 15, 2008.**

Two of Nashville's shots were at a virtually open net, but Kiprusoff was able to get his right pad on attempts by David Legwand and later Martin Erat to keep the Flames within one.

Glencross got the Flames even at 6:12 of the second.

Starting from the Calgary blue-line, Glencross carried the puck into the Nashville zone and lifted a backhand over the glove of Rinne.

Rinne denied Jay Bouwmeester's shot from the right point with 22.2 seconds remaining in the third to preserve the win for Nashville.

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REUTERS

▶ Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff watches the puck past a falling Lee Stempniak in Nashville last night.

# Flyers' Giroux latest star felled by concussion

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

▶ Claude Giroux

Philadelphia Flyers star Claude Giroux is out indefinitely with a concussion.

Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren said yesterday that Giroux's symptoms have become worse since he suffered a head injury against Tampa Bay last week.

"He skated a little bit today; didn't feel that good. Just didn't feel like himself," Holmgren said last night in Washington before the Flyers faced the Capitals. "I don't know that there's any good news in this other than after 15 minutes or so, once he stopped skating, he did start to feel a little better."

**39**

**Claude Giroux leads the NHL with 39 points and has led the Flyers to the top of the Eastern Conference standings.**

The immediate treatment will be rest.

"We're just going to take it easy with Claude," Holmgren said. "We'll probably just give him some time off (today) and revisit again (tomorrow). Obviously we're concerned. Claude is one of our better players and obviously is off to a great start this season. We're going to err on the side of caution."

Giroux took an inadvertent knee to the head by teammate Wayne Simmonds near the end of the second period on Saturday.

The Flyers said on Monday that Giroux had been feeling better. But another examination yesterday found Giroux has a concussion.

Giroux leads the Flyers with 16 goals and 23 assists. His 39 points were three ahead of Toronto's Phil Kessel for the NHL lead heading into last night.

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# NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SL | GF | GA | Pts | Home | Away | Last 10 | Strk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| d-Philadelphia | 29 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 106 | 82 | 41 | 8-4-1-1 | 11-3-1-0 | 8-2-0-0 | W6 |
| d-Boston | 29 | 19 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 97 | 59 | 39 | 11-6-0-1 | 8-3-0-0 | 7-2-0-1 | W2 |
| d-Florida | 31 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 84 | 80 | 38 | 6-2-1-4 | 10-7-1-0 | 4-3-2-1 | L3 |
| NY Rangers | 27 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 83 | 60 | 38 | 8-2-0-2 | 9-4-1-1 | 7-2-0-1 | W2 |
| Pittsburgh | 31 | 17 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 95 | 79 | 38 | 8-3-2-0 | 9-7-0-2 | 5-4-1-0 | L1 |
| Toronto | 30 | 16 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 93 | 95 | 35 | 7-4-2-1 | 9-7-0-0 | 5-4-1-0 | W1 |
| New Jersey | 30 | 16 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 79 | 86 | 33 | 6-5-0-1 | 10-8-0-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W2 |
| Buffalo | 30 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 81 | 82 | 33 | 7-9-2-1 | 8-3-0-0 | 3-4-2-1 | L2 |
| Montreal | 31 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 79 | 80 | 33 | 5-5-2-4 | 8-6-0-1 | 4-2-1-3 | W2 |
| Winnipeg | 30 | 14 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 84 | 93 | 32 | 10-4-0-0 | 4-8-3-1 | 6-3-1-0 | W1 |
| Ottawa | 31 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 94 | 107 | 32 | 7-6-0-1 | 7-7-2-1 | 4-4-1-1 | W1 |
| Washington | 29 | 15 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 89 | 94 | 31 | 10-5-0-1 | 5-8-0-0 | 4-6-0-0 | L1 |
| Tampa Bay | 30 | 12 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 79 | 101 | 26 | 7-5-0-0 | 5-11-0-2 | 3-7-0-0 | L2 |
| NY Islanders | 28 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 65 | 93 | 24 | 6-7-3-0 | 3-6-1-2 | 4-3-2-1 | L3 |
| Carolina | 32 | 9 | 18 | 3 | 2 | 80 | 110 | 23 | 5-9-0-2 | 4-9-3-0 | 1-7-1-1 | L2 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SL | GF | GA | Pts | Home | Away | Last 10 | Strk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| d-Minnesota | 31 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 80 | 66 | 43 | 10-4-1-0 | 10-4-1-1 | 7-3-0-0 | L1 |
| d-Chicago | 30 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 99 | 92 | 40 | 9-2-0-3 | 9-6-1-0 | 6-3-0-1 | W2 |
| d-Dallas | 29 | 17 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 74 | 78 | 35 | 9-4-0-1 | 8-7-0-0 | 6-3-0-1 | W2 |
| Detroit | 29 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 93 | 63 | 39 | 12-2-1-0 | 7-7-0-0 | 8-2-0-0 | W3 |
| Vancouver | 30 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 98 | 73 | 38 | 8-4-0-1 | 10-6-0-1 | 8-1-0-1 | L1 |
| St. Louis | 29 | 17 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 71 | 62 | 37 | 11-3-0-1 | 6-6-0-2 | 7-2-0-1 | W3 |
| Nashville | 30 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 79 | 80 | 34 | 6-5-2-1 | 9-6-1-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W3 |
| San Jose | 28 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 78 | 68 | 33 | 8-6-1-0 | 7-4-1-1 | 3-5-1-1 | L3 |
| Phoenix | 29 | 15 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 77 | 76 | 33 | 6-6-1-1 | 9-5-0-1 | 5-5-0-0 | L2 |
| Edmonton | 30 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 83 | 80 | 31 | 9-5-0-2 | 5-8-0-1 | 4-5-0-1 | L1 |
| Calgary | 30 | 14 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 74 | 82 | 30 | 8-5-1-1 | 6-9-0-0 | 6-3-0-1 | L1 |
| Los Angeles | 30 | 13 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 65 | 70 | 30 | 8-9-0-1 | 5-4-2-1 | 3-6-1-0 | L5 |
| Colorado | 31 | 14 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 82 | 94 | 29 | 8-9-0-0 | 6-7-1-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W1 |
| Columbus | 30 | 9 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 73 | 100 | 22 | 6-8-1-1 | 3-9-0-2 | 4-4-1-1 | W1 |
| Anaheim | 29 | 8 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 67 | 95 | 21 | 6-9-1-0 | 2-7-1-3 | 2-7-1-0 | L2 |

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

**Last night's results**
Toronto 2 Carolina 1 (OT)
Ottawa 3 Buffalo 2 (OT)
Columbus 2 Vancouver 1 (SO)
Nashville 2 Calgary 1
Winnipeg 2 Minnesota 1
Dallas 1 N.Y. Rangers 0
Philadelphia 5 Washington 1
Boston 3 Los Angeles 0
Detroit 4 Pittsburgh 1
Montreal 5 N.Y. Islanders 3
New Jersey 3 Florida 2 (SO)
Colorado 4 San Jose 3 (SO)
**Monday's result**
New Jersey 5 Tampa Bay 4
**Tonight's games**
**All times Eastern**
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
**Tomorrow's games**
Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
**Friday's games**
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

## BLUE JACKETS 2, CANUCKS 1 (SO)

**First Period**
1. Columbus, Carter 6 (Wisniewski, Letestu) 10:32 (pp)
**Penalties** — H.Sedin Vcr (cross-checking), Tyutin Clb (tripping) 8:30, Kesler Vcr (cross-checking) 9:53, Weise Vcr (hooking) 14:52, Byers Clb (high-sticking) 17:13.
**Second Period** — No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Brassard Clb (tripping) 1:38, Johansen Clb (tripping) 7:33, Burrows Vcr (goaltender interference) 16:00.
**Third Period**
2. Vancouver, Lapierre 5 (Higgins) 8:03
**Penalty** — Nash Clb (high-sticking) 13:37.
**Overtime** — No Scoring.
**Penalties** — None.
**Shootout** — Columbus wins 3-1
Vancouver (1) — Hodgson, miss; Burrows, goal.
Columbus (3) — Letestu, goal; Nash, goal; Wisniewski, goal.
**Shots on goal**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver | 5 | 14 | 11 | 2 | —32 |
| Columbus | 10 | 11 | 6 | 3 | —30 |

**Goal** (shots-saves) — Vancouver: Luongo (L,11-6-2); Columbus: Mason (W,4-12-1)(31-30), Sanford (13:14 third)(1-1),.
**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-4; Columbus: 1-3.
**Referees** — Mike Hasenfratz, Francois St. Laurent. **Linesmen** — Darren Gibbs, Anthony Sericolo.
**Att.** — 15,808 (18,144) at Columbus, Ohio.

## LEAFS 2, HURRICANES 1 (OT)

**First Period** — No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Franson Tor (delay of game) 0:27, Ruutu Car (tripping) 13:29.
**Second Period** — No Scoring.
**Penalty** — Phaneuf Tor (interference) 12:02.
**Third Period**
1. Toronto, Connolly 5 (MacArthur, Armstrong) 15:46
2. Carolina, Ponikarovsky 7 (Staal, Jokinen) 18:06 (pp)
**Penalties** — Faulk Car (hooking) 1:49, Allen Car (kneeing) 10:05, Lupul Tor (high-sticking) 16:23.
**Overtime**
3. Toronto, Connolly 6 (Lupul, Franson) 0:44
**Penalties** — None.
**Shots on goal**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carolina | 5 | 7 | 6 | 0 | —18 |
| Toronto | 13 | 13 | 9 | 3 | —38 |

**Goal** — Carolina: Ward (L,9-13-4); Toronto: Reimer (W,5-2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Carolina: 1-3; Toronto: 0-3.
**Attendance** — 19,509 (18,819) at Toronto.

## SENATORS 3, SABRES 2 (OT)

**First Period**
1. Ottawa, Michalek 19 (Spezza, Greening) 1:09
2. Buffalo, Szczechura 1 (Pominville) 14:16
3. Buffalo, Ennis 2 (Stafford, Roy) 15:44
**Penalties** — Konopka Ott, McCormick Buf (fighting) 1:41, Anderson Ott (tripping; served by N) 4:50.
**Second Period** — No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Greening Ott (high-sticking) 7:22, Vanek Buf (hooking) 12:14, Buffalo bench (too many men; served by Ennis) 16:06, Stafford Buf (high-sticking) 19:54.
**Third Period**
4. Ottawa, Regin 2 (Lee) 7:27
**Penalties** — Cowen Ott (hooking) 13:11, Roy Buf (boarding) 14:08, Greening Ott, Ehrhoff Buf (fighting) 20:00.
**Overtime**
5. Ottawa, Cowen 3 (Karlsson, Spezza) 0:45
**Penalties** — None.
**Shots on goal**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ottawa | 13 | 16 | 13 | 2 | —44 |
| Buffalo | 12 | 11 | 6 | 0 | —29 |

**Goal** — Ottawa: Anderson (W,13-10-2); Buffalo: Miller (L,7-6-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-4; Buffalo: 0-3.
**Attendance** — 18,690 (18,690) at Buffalo, N.Y.

## SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | PT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Giroux, Pha | 16 | 23 | 39 |
| Kessel, Tor | 18 | 18 | 36 |
| Lupul, Tor | 13 | 21 | 34 |
| D.Sedin, Vcr | 12 | 22 | 34 |
| Stamkos, TB | 18 | 15 | 33 |
| Versteeg, Fla | 15 | 18 | 33 |
| H.Sedin, Vcr | 8 | 25 | 33 |
| Toews, Chi | 17 | 15 | 32 |
| Nugent-Hopkins, Edm | 13 | 19 | 32 |
| Pominville, Buf | 10 | 22 | 32 |
| Sharp, Chi | 16 | 15 | 31 |
| Ma.Hossa, Chi | 12 | 19 | 31 |
| Backstrom, Wash | 11 | 20 | 31 |
| Eberle, Edm | 11 | 20 | 31 |
| Weiss, Fla | 11 | 20 | 31 |
| P.Kane, Chi | 8 | 23 | 31 |
| Fleischmann, Fla | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| Datsyuk, Det | 9 | 21 | 30 |
| Spezza, Ott | 9 | 21 | 30 |
| Neal, Pgh | 17 | 12 | 29 |
| Franzen, Det | 14 | 15 | 29 |
| Vanek, Buf | 14 | 15 | 29 |
| Malkin, Pgh | 11 | 18 | 29 |

# NFL

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 396 | 274 |
| N.Y. Jets | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 327 | 270 |
| Buffalo | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 288 | 341 |
| Miami | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 256 | 246 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Houston | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 330 | 208 |
| Tennessee | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 266 | 251 |
| Jacksonville | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 193 | 252 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 13 | 0 | .000 | 184 | 382 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 320 | 202 |
| Pittsburgh | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 282 | 198 |
| Cincinnati | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 285 | 270 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 178 | 254 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Denver | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 269 | 302 |
| Oakland | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 290 | 354 |
| San Diego | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 324 | 299 |
| Kansas City | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 173 | 305 |

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Giants | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 324 | 349 |
| Dallas | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 317 | 281 |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 297 | 292 |
| Washington | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 229 | 290 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-New Orleans | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 415 | 286 |
| Atlanta | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 300 | 267 |
| Carolina | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 313 | 355 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 232 | 370 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Green Bay | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 466 | 278 |
| Detroit | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 367 | 305 |
| Chicago | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 301 | 255 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 11 | 0 | .154 | 274 | 364 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-San Francisco | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 307 | 182 |
| Seattle | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 246 | 259 |
| Arizona | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 253 | 288 |
| St. Louis | 2 | 11 | 0 | .154 | 153 | 326 |

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division
**Monday's result**
Seattle 30 St. Louis 13
**Tomorrow's game**
**All times Eastern**
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
**Saturday's game**
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.
**Sunday's games**
New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
**Monday, Dec. 19**
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

## LATE MONDAY

### SEAHAWKS 30, RAMS 13

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 | —13 |
| Seattle | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 | —30 |

**First Quarter**
Sea—Robinson 17 blocked punt return (Hauschka kick), 9:57.
Sea—FG Hauschka 42, 1:35.
**Second Quarter**
StL—FG Jo.Brown 46, 11:04.
**Third Quarter**
Sea—FG Hauschka 23, 12:03.
StL—FG Jo.Brown 29, 1:49.
Sea—Baldwin 29 pass from Jackson (Hauschka kick), :06.
**Fourth Quarter**
Sea—FG Hauschka 48, 8:27.
StL—S.Jackson 1 run (Jo.Brown kick), 4:39.
Sea—Lynch 16 run (Hauschka kick), 2:57.
**Attendance** — 66,577 at Seattle.

| TEAM STATISTICS | StL | Sea |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 19 | 21 |
| Total Net Yards | 281 | 359 |
| Rushes-yards | 31-114 | 32-145 |
| Passing | 167 | 214 |
| Punt Returns | 1-1 | 1-17 |
| Kickoff Returns | 6-170 | 3-114 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 12-29-1 | 21-34-0 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 3-26 | 2-10 |
| Punts | 5-36.2 | 3-37.7 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-30 | 9-61 |
| Time of Possession | 28:31 | 31:29 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**
**Rushing**—St. Louis, S.Jackson 20-63, Williams 8-49, Norwood 1-3, Bradford 2-(minus 1). Seattle, Lynch 23-115, Tate 1-14, Forsett 1-8, Jackson 5-4, Washington 1-3, Morrah 1-1.
**Passing**—St. Louis, Bradford 12-29-1-193. Seattle, Jackson 21-32-0-224, Lynch 0-2-0-0.
**Receiving**—St. Louis, Lloyd 5-82, S.Jackson 3-60, Kendricks 1-26, Alexander 1-12, Pettis 1-7, B.Gibson 1-6. Seattle, Baldwin 7-93, Tate 3-39, Forsett 2-14, Miller 2-13, Williams 2-13, Lynch 2-8, A.McCoy 1-23, Obomanu 1-13, Butler 1-8.
**Missed Field Goals**—Sea: Hauschka 38 (WR).

# SOCCER

(Home teams listed first)
**Yesterday's results**

## ITALY

**ITALIAN CUP**
**Fifth Round**
Palermo 4 Siena 4
(Siena advanced 3-0 on penalty kicks)

## SPAIN

**COPA DEL REY**
**Fourth Round — First Leg**
Ponferradina 0 Real Madrid 2
Cadiz 0 Valencia 0
Getafe 0 Malaga 1
Real Sociedad 4 Granada 1
Celta 0 Espanyol 0
Racing Santander 3 Rayo Vallecano 2
Mallorca 0 Sporting Gijon 1
Deportivo La Coruna 3 Levante 1
Mirandes 1 Villarreal 1
Almeria 1 Osasuna 3
Cordoba 1 Betis 0
Alcorcon 1 Zaragoza 1
San Roque 0 Sevilla 1

# TRANSACTIONS

## BASEBALL

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with C Kelly Shoppach on a one-year contract.
K.C. ROYALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Francisley Bueno, RHP Juan Gutierrez, C Max Ramirez & OF Greg Golson on minor league contracts.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Agreed to terms with C Kwame Brown on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Re-signed F Luc Richard Mbah a Moute to a multiyear contract.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F Shelden Williams.
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived G Zabian Dowdell. Signed G Ronnie Price. Added F Marcus Landry to roster.

## FOOTBALL

### NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Pittsburgh LB James Harrison for 1 game without pay for hit on Cleveland QB Colt McCoy in game on Dec. 8.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed OT Erik Pears to a contract extension.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Placed RB DeMarco Murray and S Barry Church on injured reserve. Signed RB Sammy Morris and S Mana Silva. Signed CB C.J. Wilson to the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed CB Ron Parker on injured reserve. Released DE Keith Darbut from the practice squad. Signed DE John Graves to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed DE Nick Reed. Signed DT Lamar Divens, OT Mike Ingersoll & FB Austin Sylvester to practice squad.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed LB Kevin Malast off Jacksonville's practice squad. Placed LB Barrett Ruud WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed TE Richared Quinn. Placed T Chris Baker on injured reserve.

## HOCKEY

### NHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Tampa Bay F Steve Downie $2,500 for leaving bench to become involved in an altercation in a game on Dec. 8.
BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled F Zach Hamill from Providence (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned LW Tim Kennedy to San Antonio (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Activated F Blake Geoffrion from injured reserve and assigned him to Milwaukee (AHL). Assigned D Taylor Aronson to Cincinnati (ECHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Evgeny Grachev from Peoria (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Aassigned D Evan Oberg to Norfolk (AHL).
WINNIPEG JETS—Claimed F Antti Miettinen off waivers from Tampa Bay. Activated D Ron Hainsey from the injured reserve.

### AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Albany LW Myles Stoesz for 4 games & Okla. City D Kirill Tulupov for 2 games for their actions in games on Dec. 10 & Rockford LW Jeremy Morin for 3 games for his actions in a game on Dec. 11.
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▶ The 2013 Audi Q5 Hybrid will be available in Canada next summer.

# Gazing into the not-so-distant future

**Audi prepares to enter the hybrid fray in Canada next year with its Q5 Hybrid**

**As writer Jil McIntosh tells us, it's definitely fun to drive, especially in 'Sport' mode**

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When they were introduced, gasoline-electric hybrids were small, basic cars. As the technology matured, so did the vehicles, and today, most premium brands include hybrids in their lineup — as Audi will, when the hybrid version of its Q5 compact SUV goes on sale next summer.

Although they pay more for their vehicles initially, premium-vehicle owners still don't want to spend a lot at the pumps, and they appreciate the fuel savings a hybrid can provide.

That said, while exact pricing is yet to come, the Q5 Hybrid will cost around $55,000, about $10,000 more than the non-hybrid Q5 upon which it's based.

There has to be more than just fuel economy, and in this case, it's performance.

The Q5 Hybrid uses the turbocharged, direct-injection 2.0-litre four-cylinder from the regular Q5, with an eight-speed automatic transmission and the company's "Quattro" all-wheel-drive.

**2013 Audi Q5**

- **Engine:** Turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder with hybrid system.
- **Power:** 211 hp/258 torque (gasoline engine); 245 hp/354 torque (maximum hybrid combined).
- **Fuel consumption:** TBA
- **On sale:** Summer 2012

An electric motor is sandwiched between the engine and transmission, fed by a 72-cell lithium-ion battery pack mounted under the cargo floor.

The engine produces 211 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque, but when you mash the throttle, the electric motor can add a brief boost to 245 horsepower and 354 lb-ft of torque.

Since electric motors make their peak power right from the start — unlike gasoline engines, which have to rev up — the power surge is immediate.

This hybrid is great fun to drive.

It's a "full" hybrid (but you don't plug it into the wall), capable of starting and running solely on its battery at 60 km/h for up to three kilometres.

If you're already cruising, it can switch over to electricity at speeds of up to 100 km/h. Come to a stop and the gasoline engine shuts off, although all the electronics continue to function, including the electrically-operated air conditioning.

An animated display in the dash shows what type of power is being used.

The switch from gas to electric happens automatically, although if all the driving conditions are appropriate, you can hit a button to keep it in electric-only mode.

The Q5 is one of my favourites to drive, and when I piloted an early production version on an event in Spain, I discovered that the Hybrid is just more of the same. It's intelligently sized, it wraps around corners almost like a sports car, and it's light and agile even though the hybrid system adds 130 kilograms.

**Estimated price: $55,000**

The electric steering is tuned to feel hydraulic, with excellent weight and feedback.

If you don't mind using a bit more gas, you can put the Q5 into "Sport" mode, which makes it feel even sharper on the curves.

The price will be a major factor, and the Q5 Hybrid will probably remain a relatively rare model on Canadian roads, but it's meant to pave the way for yet another innovation: the all-electric Audi E-Tron sports car, which will make the leap from concept to production next year.

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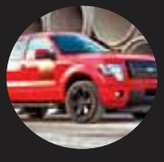

**Ford F-150 nabs Motor Trend honour**

The Ford F-150 was named 2012 Truck of the Year by Motor Trend this week. The magazine felt the F-150 best met the award's six key criteria: engineering excellence, advancement in design, efficiency, safety, value, and performance of intended function. "The bottom line is that the F-150 simply excels at being ... a truck. It mastered every task we subjected it to," said Edward Loh, Motor Trend's editor-in-chief.

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# A smart design in a small space

## Because the Scion iQ is so tiny, engineers had to get creative

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▶ The Scion iQ boasts what Toyota deems as the world's smallest air conditioning system.

## DRIVING FORCE

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One of the major issues when designing a vehicle is space. Cars have a lot of components and only so much room in which to fit them. It was a considerable challenge for Toyota with the tiny iQ recently introduced in its Scion brand.

"We used a collection of different engineering approaches for different components, which allowed us to make this size of vehicle but still have the functionality of a larger vehicle," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain for Toyota Canada.

"The vehicle must have fuel efficiency, agility and safety within a small package."

▶ Fuel efficiency, agility and safety are all a part of the iQ's small package.

The first challenge was designing what Toyota says is the world's smallest air conditioning system. It isn't enough to simply downsize everything. If there isn't enough space between the fan blades, or if the blades are too thin, the system won't get enough air and it won't work properly.

The company had to come up with a new manufacturing technique to produce smaller but more rigid blades.

The blower and a/c unit were integrated into a single unit that fits behind the dash. Getting cold air to the occupants was also challenging. The engineers came up with a simplified design that reduced the number of curves in the ductwork, improving the airflow.

"There are always trade-offs," Farag says.

"You can't use a unit this small to cool a large SUV, but we think because of what we did with this unit, you may see some of these improvements incorporated into other vehicles."

The engine is a compact design, and a continuously variable transmission (CVT), which uses pulleys instead of gears, and was chosen not only for its fuel efficiency but because it's smaller than a regular automatic transmission.

The fuel tank is wider but much shallower than most tanks to fit under the rear seat and trunk without affecting interior space.

Space-saving tricks must also take passengers into account: the front seats were slimmed down for more interior space but their design still had to be comfortable.

A flat-bottom steering wheel provides more legroom for the driver. The dash uses an asymmetrical design that sits the front passenger further ahead than the driver for more rear-seat room, without affecting the driver's visibility.

"We were dealt a challenge with this vehicle for space, and we dealt with it by new engineering and designs," Farag says.

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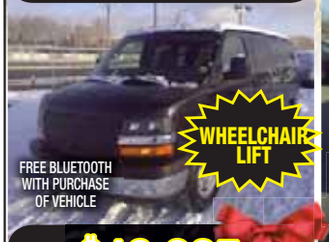


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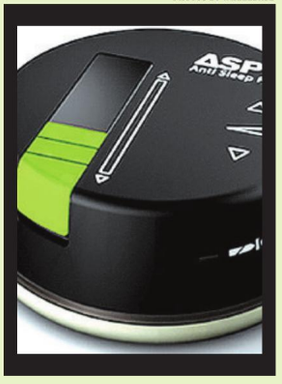


Many people admit to driving while drowsy, or have actually closed their eyes for a few seconds (or more) while behind the wheel.

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), fatigue is the cause of nearly 17 per cent of all driving-related deaths. To combat this serious issue, ASP Technology of Denmark has developed a dash-mounted, battery-operated sensor. The Anti Sleep Pilot is designed to monitor conditions that might indicate fatigue, such as operator reaction times, vehicle movements, time of day and other pre-programmed inputs.

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# Mazda takes a rotary break

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▶ The 2012 model year will be the last for Mazda's RX-8.

Mazda didn't invent the rotary engine. Felix Wankel did that in Germany in 1957. But no other automaker, individual, or concern, poured their heart, soul and mind into the rotary engine concept as did the Japanese company from Hiroshima.

Mazda bet heavily on the technology, but soon found the going tough.

Legend has it, that the 47 men who comprised the company's Rotary Research Division toiled 24-7 over many months to overcome every obstacle in their way.

The number 47 has special significance in Japan. All countrymen know the story of the 47 Samurais in feudal Japan who revenged their dishonoured lord after years of hardship.

Mazda's 47 Samurais also fought for honour, the engineering honour of their company and country.

In 1967, Mazda's rotary engine got its first "serial production car" assignment — the Cosmo Sport.

Cosmo's twin-rotar engine has two 491 cc chambers, and spins out 110 hp at 7,000 r.p.m. The low-volume two-seat, sports coupe was only produced for a couple of years, but looked fetching, and set the tone for Mazda's seminal rotary-engine sports coupes: three generations of the RX-7, and then the RX-8.

In 2010, Mazda had to pull RX-8 from the European market after it failed to meet that jurisdiction's emission standards. With another year of small and waning sales in 2011, the writing was on the wall for the RX-8's departure from other markets — including North America, and now Japan.

Model-year 2012 will be the very last for the RX-8, and the only 2012 models to be had will be 1,000 "Spirit R" models built exclusively for the Japanese market. Mazda has had a rotary engine car in its Japanese lineup since that 1967 Cosmo. So that streak is done like dinner, kaputt, finis. (I would have liked to throw a Japanese phrase in there too, but my Japanese is limited to food court selections… teriyaki, udon noodles, sashimi, etc.).

Where Mazda goes with rotary technology is anybody's guess. Mazda has always maintained that the rotary engine is particularly suited for hydrogen fuel, and has developed several hydrogen-rotary projects, including the RX-8 Hydrogen RE.

There are reports that Mazda has a new rotary engine in development, codenamed 16X, but the company is not saying very much about it.

For now the company based in Hiroshima seems very focused on SkyActive — a series of technologies for the internal combustion engine.

It's always a little sad when good things come to an end. But stay strong my friends.

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# Frontier has proven to be 'dependable'

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The Nissan Frontier began moving into Canadian driveways as a 1998 model that replaced the Hardbody pickup family.

The Frontier offered more selection and power, and intended to move the brand's small pickup heritage forward.

A compact truck intended to battle the Ford Ranger, Dodge Dakota, Chevrolet Colorado and Toyota Tacoma, Frontier packed plenty of selection and capability.

1998 to 2005 Nissan Frontier

## Engine

Look for a 2.4-litre, 143-horsepower four-cylinder on earlier models, as well as a 3.3-litre V-6 with 170 horsepower, or a supercharged variant thereof, producing 210 ponies. Frontier's four and six-cylinder engines could both be teamed with manual or automatics.

## What owners like

Existing Frontier owners are big-time into the styling of their machines, as well as their real-world workability. Many owners report satisfaction with overall comfort and off-road capability, too.

## What owners dislike

Common complaints include modest power output from the four-cylinder engine and some low-budget interior trim pieces. Additionally, many owners confirm that the Frontier's interior space is on the compact side.

## Common issues

Be sure all interior accessories are working and ensure you're able to shift in and out of four-wheel drive modes as outlined in the owner's manual with no undue fuss. While underneath, look for any oily fluid leaking from the bottom of the engine, the differential and the transfer case, if so equipped.

Ultimately, numerous pages of reports from Frontier owners online looked encouraging. Words like "dependable" and "excellent" came up frequently.

## Verdict

A visit to your Nissan mechanic is in order for an inspection if you're uncomfortable beneath the truck. Your dealership can also determine if any recall work may be outstanding.

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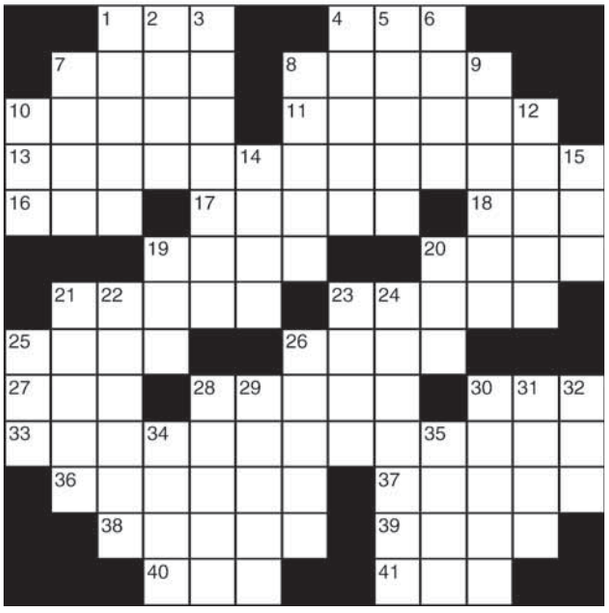

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*For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca*

## Sudoku

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| 3 | 1 | | | 9 | | | | |
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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**Yesterday's answer ▶**

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| 4 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
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| 9 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
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| 7 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| 5 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 |

## Send a KISS

**You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, online at metronews.ca/kiss.**

*Sonu,*
*Happy birthday!! Raise the ROOF :) soo cute...hope you have an amazing birthday!!! <3* **COCO**

*ryan, you mean the world to me, i feel lucky to be with you. i love you.* **YOUR ALWAYS**

*Niko, Hi, babe i just want to say how happy i am to be with you, you're the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I love you. Happy anniversary. :)* **SHOWSTOPPER**

*Robbie-Bear*
*to my husband of just over 4 months, and my best friend of more...no I don't think you're too intense, I will always appreciate your loves. We just need to allow each other room to grow together in marriage. Hope you are having a good day at McD's.* **BOOBSTRESS**

## A look at the weather

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|
| Min -9° | Min -7° | Min 0° |
| Max 0° | Max 0° | Max 4° |

**Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist**
*"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta".* **WEEKDAYS 5:30AM**

## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** You may find it hard to get a straight answer out of certain people over the next 24 hours.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** Someone's dishonesty may shock you greatly, but you really should have noticed it before. Open your eyes.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** A colleague may be too vocal in his or her criticism, but there's an element of truth in what is said.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** If you take on too much, you will sooner or later reach a point where it starts to go wrong.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** Don't let anyone talk you out of doing something on which you have your heart set. You know it'll work.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** Someone in a position of power may be critical of your work today but don't let it get to you. Maybe he or she has a valid point.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** This is one of those times that if you let negative events get to you, your mood could be darkened for days.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** Yes, much may be falling apart — but much more still works beautifully.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** Push ahead with your plans today, even though others say you are aiming way too high.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** You're too negative in your outlook. Don't let it get out of hand.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** You should seek assistance from people whose knowledge about specific topics is superior to yours.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.** Someone will deceive you today. Keep your annoyance to yourself. Revenge is a dish best served cold.

**SALLY BROMPTON**

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